(c) whether a demand has been made by the Road Safety Forum to reduce the toll being charged between Vijayawada and Rajahmundry;

(d) the manner in which the NHAI would address this demand; and

(e) the steps proposed to reduce high tolls in that section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. Rate of user fee is determined on the basis of length of the tollable section and per km. rate provided in the National Highway (Rate of Fee) Rules, 1997 after necessary indexation and rounding off.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Development of Orissa Coastline

2210. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring new rules for development along the sea-shore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the development would be funded by the foreign agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of developments that are proposed to be taken up along the Orissa coastline?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) With respect to port development, there is no proposal at present to bring new rules for development along the sea-shore.

Funds allocated for National Highways in Tamil Nadu

2211. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted for construction of new National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years; and

(b) the amount of money allotted under the Central Road Fund to Tamil Nadu in the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Allocation of funds for development and maintenance of National Highways are made State-wise, not National Highway-wise. No Separate allocation for new National Highways is made. The following are the allocations to the State of Tamil Nadu under Plan and Non-Plan Head during the last two years:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Plan Head	Non-Plan Head
2004-05	86.55	36.18
2005-06	86.91	54.30

In addition, Rs. 745.64 crore and Rs. 694.52 crore were spent on the project being implemented by NHAI during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

(b) Amount released to State of Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund in year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are Rs. 57.98 Crore and Rs. 103 Crore, respectively.

Contribution of ISRO

2212. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO propose to build communication satellities for foreign firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the contribution of ISRO in the field of tele-education and tele-medicine to help connect the rural population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ISRO, through its commercial arm, Antrix Corporation Ltd., has obtained orders to build